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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
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- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for International preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
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4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	3,4,7,8
	No: Claims	1,2,5,6,9,10
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	4,7
	No: Claims	1-3,5,6,8-10
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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0. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: WO 01/15582 A (KRAAN DIEDERIK ; LEE DE NV SARA (NL)) 8 March 2001 (2001-03-08)

1. D1 discloses (see p.5, line 8 - p.11 and figures and furthermore see also the description of the current application, p.1, line 9 - p.2, line 12) a beverage making device comprising a brewing chamber, the brewing chamber being defined by an upper wall (in plane 90) with one or more holes (access opening 24) through which heated water can enter the brewing chamber, and by the wall of a first removable part (holder 4) having an edge that can abut against said upper wall via first sealing means (sealing ring 36) in order to form the brewing chamber, said first removable part being provided with outlet means (outflow opening 22) for guiding brewed liquid out of the brewing chamber, whereby a second removable part (e.g. a similar part with double brewing chamber suitable for usage with a double pouch with furthermore the same characteristics as the first pouch) comprising means for guiding the heated water from said one or more holes to outside the device (via outflow opening 26), where the heated water can be caught in one or more cups, which second removable part is interchangeable with said first removable part.

Hence the subject-matter of **claim 1 is not novel** (Art 33(2) PCT).

2. Since the same reasoning can be made for the water outlet module of **claim 9 and the method claim 10**, these claims do also **not** meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to **novelty or inventive step** (Art 33(2) or (3) PCT)

3. D1 discloses furthermore the features of dependent **claims 2,5 and 6** so their subject-matter is evenso not novel (Art 33(2) PCT).

Claim 2 : another chamber (collecting reservoir 28)

Claims 5-6 : restriction means (see figure : projections around (access opening 24)

4. The subject-matters of dependent **claims 8** (two outlets) and **claim 3** (sealing means round holes : a skilled man would easily attach sealing means at the upper periphery of the holder 4 so that it surrounds the holes 24) does **not** seem to

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involve an **inventive** step because it refers to features which are generally known or which come within the scope of customary practice of a person skilled in the art.

- 5.. The combinations of features of **dependent claims 4 or 7** are neither known from, nor rendered obvious by, the available prior art. Hence their subject-matters are considered novel and inventive over the prior art (Art 33(2) and (3) PCT).